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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

SUBJECT : Reactions to Mr. Helms' Testimony
on Communist Forgeries

1. The publication of the material on communist forgeries in an unclassified form readily available has proved to be a valuable asset for publicizing this communist technique, for briefing purposes, and for use by American representatives abroad in dealing with foreign governments.
2. The fact that the testimony was not widely mentioned in the communist press suggests that the communists found it distinctly unprofitable. The only reply which Karanjia, the editor of Blitz, was able to make in connection with the forged Taipeh documents was that "...the contents, if not the documents themselves, stood corroborated by exposures of CIA activities...." The fact that the testimony appeared as a Congressional document may in part account for lack of counterattack since responsibility could not be placed on the Executive Branch of the United States Government.
3. Attached is a brief summary of the reactions in the foreign press to the publication of the testimony. It has been given fairly extensive publicity in the domestic press, and as late as November 1964 was the basis for a feature article in the New York Herald Tribune. Attachment 2 is a summary of instances in which the testimony has been utilized by United States representatives abroad to counter new forgeries which appeared in their areas.

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